

NOTICE OF GRANT AVAILABILITY

NAME OF GRANT PROGRAM:

NJ Poison Information and Education System

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

Poison Control/Drug Information Act
(P.L. 1982, c.177)

GRANT PROGRAM NO. 05-40-EMS

TYPE OF AWARDS TO BE ISSUED:

Cost-reimbursement Grants

PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS WILL BE USED:

To operate and maintain a statewide poison information and education system according to P.L. 1982, c.177 (NJSA 26:2-119). Provide service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with qualified poison specialists, including toll-free telephone access. Serve as an answering point for other NJ Department of Health and Senior Services toll-free telephone numbers, as requested. Provide associated educational and informational programs for the public and health professionals.

AMOUNT OF MONEY IN THE GRANT PROGRAM:

Funds available for this program are contingent upon state appropriations. Approximately \$490,000 annually has been allotted to fund one award. This has been supplemented with membership fees from the state's acute care hospitals. A three-year award will be made, if possible, with a 12-month budget period. Applicants currently receiving Grants for the activity will be given first priority for continued funding.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS MUST COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Terms and Conditions for the Administration of Grants
2. General and specific Grant Compliance requirements issued by the Granting Agency.
3. Applicable Federal Cost Principles relating to the Applicant

GROUP OR ENTITIES WHICH MAY APPLY FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM:

New Jersey hospitals operating a 24-hour, 7 days-a-week regional poison information and education service. Preference will be given to continuation applications.

QUALIFICATIONS NEEDED BY APPLICANT TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT:

Hospital must have a toxicologist as the poison center medical director, as well as qualified poison specialists to answer the telephone lines around the clock, and to handle approximately 100,000 calls annually.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

An application for a Grant will be mailed by the Department upon receipt of a Letter of Intent sent to the address below. It is suggested this letter be sent prior to March 1, 2004. The first year will be from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 and the preceding two years will start from July 1 to June 30. The completed application is to be returned to the Department for consideration.

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DEADLINE BY WHICH APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED:

Applications should be submitted no later than April 1, 2004 for grant awards beginning on July 1, 2004.

DATE BY WHICH APPLICANT SHALL BE NOTIFIED WHETHER THEY WILL RECEIVE FUNDS:

Applicants will be notified by May 14, 2004, whether the application has been accepted and will be processed.